

COMMUNITY NEWS

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FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE NO. 1
BETH KELLUM
LUCIE McLEMORE
FOR PRESIDENT, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
TWINKLE ANDRESS CA-

VANAUGH
MATT CHANCEY
FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 4
FRANK (AI) BRITT
JASON F. BRUCE
This office runs by district and will not appear on all ballots.

Qualifying open for 2008 local municipal elections

Candidates continue this week to qualify for local municipal elections set for Tuesday, Aug. 26.

In Elba and New Brockton, prospective candidates have qualified for the offices of mayor and city council member. Qualifying began Tuesday, July 1, and will continue until Tuesday, July 15, at 5 p.m.

Officials in both Elba and New Brockton indicated earlier

this week that they do expect additional qualifiers before next Tuesday's deadline. Those particularly helpful in our efforts to enhance our workforce activities and encourage young people to consider health care careers.

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Local CEO elected to office of state hospital association

Jeff Brannon, chief executive officer of Medical Center Enterprise, was named secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Hospital Association's (AHA) board of trustees at its recent annual meeting.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone as dedicated as Jeff Brannon serving as an association officer," said J. Michael Horsley, president of AHA. "He has been a member of numerous association committees, chairing several of them, as well as serving as a board member. Jeff has been particularly helpful in our efforts to enhance our workforce activities and encourage young people to consider health care careers."

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versity of South Alabama College of Allied Health Professions, a board member of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, the Coffee County Family Services Center, and Community Bank & Trust. He is also an active member of Hartford Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, an adult choir member and a Sunday School and discipleship teacher.

The Alabama Hospital Association, based in Montgomery, is a statewide trade organization that represents more than 100 hospitals and numerous other health care providers by offering membership services designed to enhance the provision of health care in Alabama.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION HELD FOR BANK EMPLOYEE...Kathy McLeod (left) was the guest of honor last Thursday afternoon, July 3, for a retirement reception hosted by Wachovia Bank of Elba. McLeod is retiring after spending more than three decades as an employee of the bank. She began her many years of service on Feb. 16, 1976. Numerous bank customers took the opportunity last Thursday during the reception to thank McLeod for her service and to wish her well as she begins a new journey in life through retirement. Shown above with McLeod is Ramona Grantham.

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Lordy, Lordy. Our Daddy is 40!
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Upcoming Meetings:

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Monday, July 10 (tonight), at 7 p.m. at the Board of education office in Elba.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will meet Monday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION will be held Friday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at the Extension Office Complex in New Brockton, Ala. There will be door prizes. All members are encouraged to attend.

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"Healthcare News Monitor" Itching for Some Allergy Relief?

Pollen grains from trees, grasses and weeds can float through the air in spring, summer or fall. But along with staying on mission to fertilize plants and tree flowers, pollen particles often end up in our noses, eyes, ears and mouths. The result can be sneezing spells, watery eyes, congestion and an itchy throat. Pollen allergy, commonly known as hay fever, affects about 1 out of 10 Americans. For some, symptoms can be controlled with occasional over-the-counter (OTC) medicine. Others have reactions that may more seriously disrupt the quality of their lives. Allergies can trigger or worsen asthma and lead to other health problems such as sinusitis and ear infections in children. You can distinguish allergy symptoms from a cold because a cold tends to be short-lived, results in thicker nasal secretions, and is usually associated with sore throat, hoarseness, malaise and fever. Many people with seasonal allergic rhinitis notice a seasonal pattern with their symptoms, but others may need a doctor's help to find out for sure that pollen is the source of their misery. If these symptoms crop up year-round, dust mites, pet dander or another indoor allergen could be the culprit. This is known as perennial allergic rhinitis. You should see a doctor if you're experiencing allergies for the first time, if your symptoms interfere with your ability to function, if you don't find relief in over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, or if you experience allergy symptoms on a chronic basis. Once you know you have seasonal allergies, probably the most important step you can take is to avoid pollen as much as possible. Try to stay indoors when pollen levels are highest. In the fall ragweed pollen season, pollen levels are highest in the morning. During the grass pollen season in the spring and summer, pollen levels are highest in the evening. Pollen counts measure how much pollen is in the air and are expressed in grains of pollen per square meter of air collected during a 24-hour period. It may also help to keep windows closed in your house and car and to run the air conditioner. If possible, avoid mowing grass and other yard work. Of course there will be times when pollen is inescapable. Here's a rundown of drug options that can help you survive the sneezing season: Nasal corticosteroids: These are typically sprayed or inhaled into the nose once or twice a day. The drugs in this category are Nasonex and Flomase. Side effects may include stinging in the nose. Oral antihistamines: Available in both OTC and prescription forms and counteract the action of histamine, a substance released in the body during an allergic reaction. Benadryl (Chlor-Triemfen) are two OTC antihistamines. Drowsiness is a common side effect, so don't take the drug when you have to drive, or engage in other activities that require you to be alert. You could try relatively non-sedating antihistamines that are available by prescription such as Clarinex or Allegra. Decongestants: Available both by prescription and over-the-counter. These drugs come in oral and nasal spray forms, and are sometimes recommended in combination with antihistamines. Antihistamines alone do not have an effect on nasal congestion. Allegra D is an example of a prescription drug that contains both an antihistamine and a decongestant. Note that prolonged use of nose sprays and drops can result in even worse nasal congestion. Non-steroidal nasal sprays: NasalCrom (cromolyn sodium) nasal spray (available without a prescription), can help prevent symptoms of allergic rhinitis if used before symptoms start. It need to be used more often than the nasal steroids, three to four times a day.

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Candidates set for upcoming municipal elections

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Qualifying closed Tuesday, July 15, for those interested in seeking office in this year's municipal elections.

The municipalities of Elba, New Brockton and Kinston all had candidates qualify for the offices of mayor and city council member in five separate districts. The municipal elections will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26.

In the City of Elba, two individuals qualified to seek the office of mayor. Incumbent James Grimes will face Stephen Boggs.

The incumbents will fill two city council spots again as they were the only candidates to qualify for the position. Qualifying in District Four was incumbent Harold Spicer, while in District Five incumbent Ronnie Hammonds was the only qualifier.

Elba's District One seat on the city council will have incumbent Tom Hooks facing John Larry "Popcorn" Gilbert. District Two will feature a race between Tommy Skinner and Mary Gray.

The District Three race for city council was the only in Elba to have three individuals qualify for the office. In this race, incumbent Mike McKee will face Terry Hudson and Hillary Herbert "Junior" Culver.

In the Town of New Brockton, three individuals qualified to seek the Office of Mayor. Voters will choose between Lenwood Herron, Rodger Harrison or Trenton Smith to be

their next mayor.

The District Two and District Five seats for city council each had only one to qualify. In District Two, Billy Brantley was the lone qualifier while in District Five incumbent Jeff Wilcox was the only candidate to qualify.

Qualifying to run for the District One council seat was Lee Eta Edwards and Billy Tindol. The District Three seat will be

decided between Douglas Pittman and Cal Donnia Howard. Mack Moon and Jack Young are seeking the District Four seat.

Michael Jenkins had qualified to seek the District Three council seat, but town clerk Annette Williams said he withdrew from the race prior to the qualification.

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During County BOE meeting Phone calls introduce school messenger to board members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During a called meeting last Thursday, July 10, Coffee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she hopes personnel action taken by board members completes the hiring of teachers for the upcoming school year.

Ingram also noted that the board's action was approving the resignation of one employee that meant the school system was "losing a very valuable employee."

Personnel matters recommended by Ingram and approved by board members included:

Certificated Personnel

• Approved catastrophic leave for Angie Dillard, kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel School. Dillard expects her leave to begin on or about Sept. 24 and end on or about Nov. 12.

• Approved the resignation of Sue Ellen Weeks - history/gov-

ernment teacher at Kinston School.

• Approved the employment of James Bess as a social studies teacher and coach at Kinston School.

• Approved the employment of Heather Schwick as a social science teacher at Zion Chapel School.

• Approved the employment of Mike Waters as a social science teacher and coach at Zion Chapel School.

• Approved the employment of Ashley Windham as a second grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Support Personnel

• Approved the employment of Kelli Goodson as a secretary/bookkeeper at Zion Chapel School.

• Approved the employment of Misty Thompson as a lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel School.

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Everyone invited to attend Pine Level Community Fun Day planned for Saturday, July 26th

Fun and games will be the highlight of the day Saturday, July 26, in one Coffee County community as everyone is invited to attend and/or participate in the Pine Level Community Fun Day.

The "Fun Day" event will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located where Coffee County Road 355 meets Alabama Highway 141, in the Pine Level community. It will begin at 1 p.m. and last until 4 p.m.

According to event organizers, there will be water slides, arts and crafts, and games and contests for the entire family to enjoy. Also, participants are encouraged to bring their fruits,

vegetables, jams, jellies, pickles, etc. to show, share or sell. Displays and exhibits are encouraged to "show off" quilts, other needlework pieces, wood-working projects or painting talents.

The day's events will conclude with a hamburger supper followed by entertainment by Broken Strings Bluegrass Band.

Whether a person wants to spend the afternoon, a few hours or just a few minutes, event organizers hope everyone leaves saying, "a good time was had by all."

For additional information about the Pine Level Community Fun Day, call 447-2433.

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LIFESTYLES

Babysitter course offered by American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Coffee County Chapter is offering a Babysitter course Tuesday and Wednesday July 29 & 30 from 5p.m.-8p.m.

The course is designed to train youth from 11 years of age and up. The cost to attend is \$35.00. You must pre-register before July 21 by calling 334-347-2461.

Register now at Enterprise-Ozark Community College

It is just July, but it is already time to be thinking about fall semester at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. A great line-up of courses for transfer to four-year universities as well as career programs with training lasting from one to two years sets up the class offerings to begin August 22. Classes will be available days and evenings, with options for Monday-Wednesday classes and Tuesday-Thursday classes, and, of course, internet courses designed to fit your time schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie E. Bedsole

and
Mr. and Mrs. Vince Bowers

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Bradley Vincent

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NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

ASHLEY KELLEY

Ashley Kelley has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the opportunity to learn a skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

Kelley will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training in July 2008.

She is the daughter of Judy L. Wilford of County Road 420, Elba, Ala., and Michael L. Kelley of N. Wells St., Samson, Ala.

TERRENCE J. HOBART

Army National Guard Pvt. Terrence J. Hobart has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battle-field operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Steven and Elizabeth Hobart of County Road 201, Troy, Ala., and the grandson of Fred and Elizabeth Hussey, County Road 201, Jack, Ala.

The private is a 2005 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, Jack.

"Getting To Know Enterprise" Retiree Fair set for August 8

The retiree committee of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce announces the "Getting To Know Enterprise" Retiree Fair, set for Friday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center on Crawford Avenue.

Newcomers to Enterprise, retirees and those planning to retire in the area are invited to attend and find out why Enterprise is one of the nation's best places to retire. Approximately 20 organizations will be providing information on recreation, medical facilities, churches, financial planning, real estate and more.

There is no charge for admission with free refreshments and entertainment provided. Door prizes will be given away throughout the event.

For more information, contact retiree committee chairperson Bea Fuentes at 334-347-2995, or the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce at 334-347-4081.

Welch-Dyess wedding planned for Saturday, September 27th at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Welch, of Wicksburg, announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie to Kaleb Dyess, son of Dr. Lance K. Dyess and Ms. Benita Dyess, of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Ms. Bernell Delidre, of Hartford, the late Mr. Frank Delidre, of Eustis, FL, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Welch, of Wicksburg, and Ms. Patricia Welch, of Hartford.

Miss Welch is a 2004 graduate of Wicksburg High School and a 2007 graduate of Troy University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Flowers, of Elba and Rev. & Mrs. Charles Dyess, of Opp.

Mr. Dyess is a 2008 graduate of Elba High School. He is currently attending Troy University where he is a senior majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology.

The wedding is planned for September 27, 2008, at five o'clock in the afternoon at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise. The reception will follow at the Enterprise Country Club.



Mr. Kaleb Dyess & Miss Stephanie Welch

EHS Student Information For 2008/09 Year

Elba High School students can pick up class schedules and purchase parking permits for the coming school year July 20 - August 1. The office will be open from 7:00 - 4:00 each day.

Wednesday, July 30 Seniors/Juniors Thursday, July 31 Sophomores/Freshmen Monday, August 4 8th grade

7th grade orientation will be Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, establish meal accounts, and have a brief tour of the school.

Lockers will be assigned to all students at no cost. Students must place book bags in lockers when the bell rings at 7:40 a.m. and will be allowed to get them when the 3:00 p.m. bell rings to end the school. Students are reminded that all book bags should be transparent or made of mesh material that is 1/2 inch open mesh or larger.

Students are also reminded of the dress code as outlined in the Student Handbook. All shirt tails must be tucked in pants (not rolled under) and belt/belt loops must be visible. Pants must be worn on the natural waistline. No athletic shorts or pants may be worn unless they have pockets (exceptions for athletic and belt/belt loops must be visible). Clothing must cover abdomen, cleavage and back. Coats, sweaters, sweat shirts and jackets that are excessively long may not be worn inside the school building. Administration will use discretion when making these decisions. Shorts, skirts and dresses no more than three inches above the knee may be worn. Students not in compliance with the dress code will have to change before they will be allowed back in class. The dress code will be enforced from the time students arrive on campus until they leave campus. The dress code policy that deals with jewelry, accessories, shirts/tops, other clothing related guidelines, and symbols/pictures/wording/tattoos will remain the same as the old policy.

Students who drive must register their vehicle in the school office. Parking permits are \$10.00.

The first day for students is August 7 (full day). They will meet in the auditorium at 7:45 a.m. for a brief assembly program and then follow their class schedule for the day. School will dismiss at 3:00 p.m.

Rufe Johnson Reunion to be held July 19th

The Rufe Johnson Reunion will be held Saturday, July 19, 2008, from 6 p.m. until, at Ryan's Restaurant, on the 84 Bypass in Enterprise, Ala.

Ryan's Restaurant is across the bypass from Wal-Mart in Enterprise. All relatives and friends are urged to attend.

Lunch will be served following morning worship.

For more information, call 347-2198.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Stanley Carter Elba United Methodist Church

Lemonade.....

(Read Luke 5:16; 6:12)

One of my favorite things to do in the summer-time is to sit on my back deck late in the evening with a cold glass of lemonade. My wife, Nancy, and I love to sit and watch the wildlife, admire the flowers, and feel the warm summer breeze. The lemonade is a wonderful extra.

I have always said that lemonade is good for the soul. I guess maybe it is because a good, cold glass of lemonade is so refreshing. How we love to be refreshed, whether it is through vacation: time, a dip in the pool, or a glass of cold lemonade. Life can become stale if we let it. Relationships can grow stale if we let them. Our relationship with God can grow stale as well if we fail to spend time with God.

Refreshment is important. In the Gospel of Luke, we are always seeing Jesus taking time to draw away from the crowd and spending time to clear his mind, to take a deep breath, and to spend time with his Heavenly Father. It is important that we spend time refreshing our lives, our relationships, and our spiritual lives. Take time to rest. Spend time with your family. Renew your relationship with God daily. Thank God for life, for loved ones, and for His gift to us of His Son, Jesus Christ. I believe I'll go sit on the deck with my wife, rest my mind and fill my spirit. O Yeah, and sip a good cold glass of lemonade.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to hold gospel singing July 19th

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 19, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singing group will be Derek and the Chosen from Elba, Ala.

For more information contact Gus Grant: (334) 897-6793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daugherty: (334) 733-2010.

VBS to be held at New Life Worship Center in Samson

The Kids on the Rock children's ministry of New Life Worship Center, Samson, will be hosting Vacation Bible School Gospel Rodeo. This event will be on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. and 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Homecoming set at Damascus Baptist Church for Sunday, July 27

Homecoming is planned for July 27, 2008 at Damascus Baptist Church, County Road 547.

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Gospel sing planned at Vanderbilt Holiness Church

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a Gospel Sing on July 26, 2008 starting at 6:00 PM. Featured Groups will be "Derek & Chosen" and "The Singing Miracles". The church is located on Coffee County Route 114 about 1 mile past Wayne Farms (Southland). For more info call 334/347-0569 or 334-894-5021.

Hebron Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming, July 20th

Hebron Baptist Church will have Homecoming services on Sunday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

A Ladies Power Lunch will be held in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church in Enterprise

Guest speaker Pamela Neu, Morning Prayer Co-host of Faith Radio in Montgomery, will be speaking on the power of healing. "Learn through Hearts, Teach through Scars." Just like the scars Jesus bears, our scars tell a story of His incredible work in our lives! Pamela's background includes Co-Host of Prime Time America with Moody Broadcasting network and 11 years producing Larry Burkett's MONEY MATTERS broadcast. She is wife of Bob Neu and mother of three children. All ladies in the community are invited to come and bring a friend from 12pm to 1

The Zoar Cemetery Association to meet

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988. When first organized, each family with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery had to maintain the gravesites themselves. Now, the association has people to clean the entire cemetery six times each year. However, personal and financial support is still needed.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 26, at 10 a.m. in the Zoar Holiness Church. A financial report will be given and project work outlined for 2008-09.

Everyone interested in the care and upkeep of the cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Broekton Elementary School - Supply List 2008-09 School Year

First Grade:

- Large glue stick
- 2 (4 oz) school glue
- School scissors
- #2 plain pencils
- 2 Crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 8 pocket folders (without prongs): 2 red, 2 blue, 2 green, 2 yellow
- Large zip top nylon pouch (one side clear)
- 2 Manuscript writing tablet
- 2 (70 page) Spiral notebooks

Second Grade:

- 2 packs of loose-leaf paper
- 2 (70 pg) spiral notebooks
- 3 plastic pocket folders: 1 blue, 1 red, 1 green
- Glue
- #2 pencils
- Scissors
- 1 Mead composition book
- Crayons (24 count)
- Large zip top nylon pouch
- Boys - gallon Ziploc bags
- Girls - sandwich Ziploc bags

Third Grade:

- #2 pencils
- Colored pencils (12 count)
- 3 packs of wide-ruled paper
- Elmer's school glue (medium size)

- 1 Mead composition book
- Scissors
- 5 plastic pocket folders: 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 red, 1 blue, 1 orange
- Crayons (24 count)
- Large zip top nylon pouch
- Boys - gallon Ziploc bags
- Girls - quart Ziploc bags
- 1 pack of blue pens
- 1 (2 inch) 3 ring binder

Fourth Grade:

- Loose-leaf paper
- 3 Composition notebooks
- Scissors
- Crayons (24 count)
- Multiplication & Division flashcards
- Ruler
- Pencil pouch
- #2 pencils
- Scissors
- 1 Mead composition book
- Crayons (24 count)
- Large zip top nylon pouch
- Boys - gallon Ziploc bags
- Girls - sandwich Ziploc bags

Fifth Grade:

- Glue sticks
- 1 pack of graph paper
- Ruler and scissors
- Colored pencils (12 count)
- 8 pocket folders (3 with - 5

- without prongs)
- 2 packs of red ink pens
- Pencil pouch
- Loose-leaf paper
- Paperback Dictionary and Thesaurus
- 2 (70 pg) spiral notebooks
- #2 pencils
- Protractor
- 2 Mead Composition Book

Sixth Grade:

- #2 pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- 2 packs of red ink pens
- Graph paper with 3 holes
- 1 pack of top loading sheet protectors
- 1 (2 inch) 3 ring binder
- 1 pack of tab dividers
- Loose-leaf paper
- Pencil sharpener with lid for shavings
- Colored pencils (12 count)
- Highlighters
- Pencil pouch w/3 holes
- Scissors

**** All Grade Levels welcome a donation of Kleenex, paper towels and hand sanitizer. These items would be greatly appreciated. No Rolling Backpacks or Trapper Keepers. ****

N.B.E.S. to hold Open House on Tuesday, Aug. 5

Open House for New Broekton Elementary School will be Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5-7 p.m. A general meeting will be in the library from 5 to 5:10 p.m. for all guests and teachers to discuss the new drop off zones, parking and traffic. Then, parent/teacher visitation will be in the classrooms until 7 p.m. The first day for students is Wednesday, Aug. 6, with this being a regular day, and buses will run their old routes.

ACCESS growing for south Alabama students

For scores of Alabama high school students, Troy University unlocks the door to broader horizons through distance learning.

Through the Governor's Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, and Students Statewide, or ACCESS, Program, some 5,000 students in south Alabama have access to high school subjects they can't get in their own classrooms. Long a leader in higher education distance learning, TROY now leads the way in the field for high schools.

By far the largest of the state's three ACCESS service centers, TROY serves more than 90,000 high school students in 45 school systems in its 27 county service area and currently has 5,000 of the 8,300 half-credit ACCESS enrollments statewide. A half-credit enrollment is the way the State Department of Education accounts for students in the program.

More than 2,000 of the state's 5,300 summer school ACCESS students are served by the TROY support center. "This program has absolutely exploded in terms of what our students want and need," said Reba Davis, who directs ACCESS for the University.

Those predictions, edged upward by recent State Board of Education revisions on high school students and requiring all Alabama students to take at least one distance learning course during their high school careers, are well on target, according to Davis.

"While not all of those students will take that class in the fall '09 semester, we are gearing up to handle a much heavier volume of students," she said. "However, we're growing ACCESS (without the change) because teachers enjoy teaching the courses and the kids who have taken an ACCESS class are saying 'it's a blast'."

Part of that "blast" is the use of technology. High school students today use computers in their daily lives — and are comfortable with new ways to communicate with one another and with teachers, Davis said.

That's not the only reason the students are flocking to ACCESS. The program, in addition to providing courses that

ACCESS offerings Fall 2008

English
English 9-12
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Language & Composition (2)

Social Studies
US Government
Economics
US History 1877 to Present
AP US History
AP Macroeconomics
AP US Government and Politics

Mathematics
Algebra I
Algebra II
Geometry
Algebra II with Trigonometry
Precalculus

Science
Physical Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Science
Marine Science
AP Biology

Foreign Languages
French I
French II
French III
German I
German II
Latin I
Latin II
Latin III
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV
Mandarin Chinese I

Health Education
Health

Arts
AP Art History

Electives
Creative Writing
Global Studies
Psychology
Career Technical Coordinated Studies
Career Technical Educational Core
AP Psychology
AP Computer Science A
Web Design I
Computer Programming BASIC

Alabama High School Graduation Exam
Remediation Materials
Language
Math
Reading Comprehension
Science
Social Studies

may not be available at their own school, gives students virtually one-on-one access to the teachers, who are all required to

be both certified by the State Department of Education and "highly qualified," a requirement of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"Having an ACCESS class is like a student having his or her own special tutor. It's a different dynamic than in a classroom. Students feel like they are one-on-one with the teacher," she said.

Another key communication: "We train our teachers to communicate, communicate, communicate as their primary role," Davis said.

The teachers involved in ACCESS seem to like the approach as well. Described as a "teacher sharing program," Davis said that the TROY support center isn't trying to hire teachers away from local school systems, rather it tries to incorporate those teachers into a statewide network aimed at giving Alabama high schoolers a leg up.

Teachers in the program who are full-time teachers in local school systems are limited to one ACCESS class per school term — one course in the fall, spring and two summer sessions. Retired teachers may teach a full load during each term.

Currently, about 400 teachers are utilized by TROY ACCESS. By the end of July, Davis said more than 500 teachers will have been recruited and trained by the TROY support center.

Davis has even identified a number of trends building a result of TROY's implementation of ACCESS.

"In interviewing ACCESS teachers, we're finding that they are integrating ACCESS methods into their traditional classroom," she said.

Some school systems are beginning to schedule an "ACCESS period" that's in addition to the regular school day and the even students who have been discipline problems for local administrators are excelling in ACCESS classes, where they are freer from distractions usually found in traditional classroom settings.

"To add to ACCESS' success is that, for the student, taking a class on line is completely free."

"It's public education," Davis said. "TROY ACCESS is almost a year-round high school and the courses don't cost students a dime."

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50 Years Ago

Asbestos problem continues to haunt school officials - The Elba City Board of Education met on Thursday afternoon, July 7, and was told that the problem of asbestos in the schools had resurfaced and it would be necessary to perform semi-annual inspections to insure the material was not a threat to those working at the schools. Buddy Windham, designated as the asbestos coordinator for the school system informed the board members

that he had recently attended a workshop on asbestos and was told that all school systems in the state would be required to submit plans to the state by October 12, 1988 explaining its procedure in meeting the problem.

Shanna Tillis celebrates sixth birthday - Shanna Tillis celebrated her sixth birthday on July 5. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Fay Tillis of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Ivey Grantham and the late Grady Grantham of Elba, and Charles and Doris Tillis of Turpin, Springs, FL. Shanna enjoyed a pool party at the home of her Aunt Charlene's and Uncle Bobby's in New Port Richey, FL.

City Electric Rates To Increase By 15 Percent August 1 - The Elba Water and Electric Board had a meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, after press time, to discuss an immediate increase in the local electric rates. Chairman Charles Hayes III said earlier Wednesday that he had been notified early Wednesday morning that the cost of electricity from Alabama Electric Co-Op (AEC) would increase by 15% on the August 1 billing.

Hayes explained that this is an increase in the wholesale "pooling" rate with Alabama Power Company as approved by the Federal Power Commission in Washington.

Two complete Army Training in Georgia - PVT-2 Mark Kelley and PVT-1 Freddie Thomas completed their Basic Training Friday, July 14, at Fort Gordon, Ga. Both won medals for sharp shooting and Grenade Throwing. They began AIT

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Shades Mountain Air began in the fall of 1998 when Gary Furr and Greg and Nancy Womble found out that they had a common love of music and performing. They were soon joined by Don and Paul Wendorf.

The group has done over 100 shows in the last five years including Beams Crawfish Boil, a pastor's conference in Kentucky, the Rusty Nail Bluegrass Festival, a performing arts series in Blakely, Ga., the Alabama Bluegrass Music Association Showcase, numerous corporate events and a wedding engagement event.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The District Governor serving the Elba Rotary Club served as guest speaker Tuesday, July 15, during the weekly meeting of the club. The District Governor was accompanied by several other district officers for the meeting. Those pictured above include (left to right): Carol Franks, District Governor-Elect; Sheila Parish; District Governor Mickey Parish; Tonya Jones, president of the Elba Rotary Club; and Josh Wilson, Elba Rotarian and Assistant Governor for the area.

District Governor visits Elba Rotarians

Members of the Elba Rotary Club welcomed a special guest Tuesday, July 15, during the group's weekly meeting at the district governor for Rotary addressed members.

District Governor Mickey Parish, along with other special guests, was introduced to the Rotarians by club president Tonya Jones.

Parish, a member of the Daphne/Spanish Fort Rotary Club, said he was a charter member of his local club, and this year as district governor marks his 20th year in Rotary.

Parish said the district currently has 47 clubs, with approximately 2,700 Rotarians involved in those clubs. He stressed the importance of Rotary as being there to help those in need, and said one of his goals as district governor is to help clubs and members achieve their goals.

Parish mentioned several different programs Rotarians can be involved with to help others, and he thanked the Elba Rotarians for their commitment to the community.

"As Rotarians, I want you to see the programs but to see what these programs are doing," said Parish.

Elba Rotary Club president Tonya Jones (right) welcomed District Governor Mickey Parish (left) to Tuesday's meeting of the Elba Rotary Club.

Shuffling Through Our Files... News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper

10 Years Ago

Kleinert's of Alabama breaks ground for 43,000 square foot expansion - Kleinert's of Alabama management officials announced Tuesday morning plans for a 43,000 square foot expansion of their manufacturing plant in Elba. Included in the expansion will be the installation of an additional computerized automatic cutting machine and a substantial increase in the material cutting capacity of the local plant. Presently the Elba plant consists of 340,000 square feet under one roof. In addition, there is some locally leased space and raw materials stored in about 70 trailer vans. The raw materials in these vans will be moved into the expanded warehouse area upon its completion.

Coffee BOE talks SAT scores and raises - In last week's meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education the main topics of discussion were 1997-98 SAT scores, pay increases and personnel change. The Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday (July 7) in lieu of the first Thursday. Coffee County Superintendent Roger Bowden told members of the board that he was pleased with the test scores posted by student grades three through eleven in the standardized aptitude test (SAT). These tests were administered in the spring of the last school term (1997-98). Bowden reported that the county students test results at grades were either at or above national and state averages and he added, "This is been the case in the past several years."

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Zion Chapel School K-6th Grade - Supply List

2008-09 School Year

Kindergarten

- 1 blunt end scissor*
- 1 small school box*
- 2 plastic pocket folders*
- 2 8-count crayons (not BIG ones)
- 1 large Elmer's school glue
- 1 large glue sticks
- 1 pack pencils
- 1 pack of pencil erasers
- 1 spiral 1-subject notebook (wide rule)*
- 1 water color paint set*
- 1 pack construction paper
- 2 dry erase markers
- 1 pair of headphones for lap-tops

Needed but not required:
Girls- 1 hand sanitizer
1 roll paper towels
1 box gallon zip lock bags
Boys- 1 box tissues
1 pack sanitizing wipes
1 box quart zip lock bags

First Grade

- 1 pair Fiskars Scissors
- 1 pencil box
- 2 plastic, 2 pocket folders (no brass)
- 4 boxes of crayons
- 3 bottles of glue
- 2 pack pencils
- 1 package of erasers
- 2 notebook for journal writing
- 1 3-ring binder

Needed but not required:
1 box Kleenex
1 roll paper towels
1 bottle sanitizer
1 quart Zip Lock bag for fact cards

Second Grade:

- Scissors
- Pencil Pouch
- 2 Pocket folders
- Crayons - (8 or 16 only)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 package pencils (sharpened)
- 1 package pencil erasers
- Wide-ruled notebook for computer
- composition notebooks - 2
- Construction paper - loose

Clear 12 inch ruler (inches and centimeters)

- 2 dry erase markers
- Needed but not required:**
Zip Lock bags
Wipes
1 box Kleenex
1 roll paper towel
Hand sanitizer

Third Grade

- Scissors
- 1 box 24 crayons
- 2 packs pencils
- 1 large glue stick
- 1 ruler (inches and centimeters)
- 2 packs of wide-ruled paper
- 3 composition notebooks

Needed but not required:
Wide-ruled paper
Hand sanitizer
Paper Towels
Headphone for computers (for their own use)

Fourth Grade

- (Put Name on All Items)
- Red pens
- Wide-ruled paper
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Scissors
- 4 three-prong pocket folders (green, yellow, blue, red)
- 1 ruler (inches and centimeters)
- Pencil erasers
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Black Expo dry erase fine tip pen
- Pencil Pouch

Headphones for computers
No Trapper Keepers/Binders
No Spiral Notebooks

Fifth Grade

- Red pens
- Pencils
- Crayons and Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Glue

Headphones for computers
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Remember, NO PENS please! The following items are not required but would be very much appreciated: Paper towels (2 rolls), Tissue (2 boxes)

No Rolling Book Bags at Any Grade Level
Label all supplies with student's name.

Kindergarten Jumpstart planned for all three Coffee County schools

Coffee County Schools (Kinston, New Broekton, and Zion Chapel) will hold Kindergarten Jumpstart on July 30-31, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m.

JUMPSTART is a two day program that allows incoming kindergarten students an orientation opportunity before the beginning of school. Each day is three hours in length during which time the students are exposed to a mini kindergarten schedule, allowed to tour the building, and introduced to their teacher as well as several other staff members.

On the first day all students and parents are to report to the school library with their beginning school supplies. The students will then go with their teacher to the classroom. The

parents will remain in the library for an orientation meeting with the principal. When this meeting is completed the parents will go to their child's room for a meeting with the teacher. During the parent/teacher meeting the teacher will explain her discipline plan, class schedule, rules, drop off/pick up procedure for students, answer questions, and collect lunch/snack money for the first week of school.

JUMPSTART will begin at 8:00 and conclude at 11:00. Transportation will need to be provided by parents for the children during this two day session.

For more information or questions please call Carol Mooney at 897-5016.

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BY RICKY MULLEN, SPORTS EDITOR

We have taken a family vacation ever since the girls were born and hope to escape for a few days this summer. However, with Melissa in class five days a week at Troy, Melanie working six days a week at the pool and the start of school just around the corner we are scrambling to figure out just when and where we might go in the few days left on the calendar. So far we have discussed a trip to the beach, a trip to Atlanta to watch the Braves or maybe a quick trip to the mountains. No matter what we decide, this summer's vacation will have to be short and sweet.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The tournament trail came to an end for the Elba All-Star teams last week as the final three teams in action were all eliminated in district tournaments. The Dixie Minor All-Stars hosted their tourney and despite winning only once really made a solid showing, while the Dixie Youth All-Stars placed third in Greenville and gave their fans plenty to cheer about as they won one game with two outs in the final inning and another game in the bottom of the tenth inning on a walk off home-run. The Dixie Junior Boys competed in a round-robin event in Dothan and although they failed to advance did make lots of noise with a big 19-5 win over Dothan. Elba sent a total of eight All-Star teams to post-season action and all the teams represented their leagues well. Thanks to the players, coaches and fans for making the '08 tournament trail one to remember.

*** The Elba Tigers spent a few days at Jacksonville State last week at a team camp and in seven-on-seven action posted a 5-5 record. The Tigers aren't expected to put the ball in the air nearly as much this season as in years past due to the fact both quarterbacks are only freshmen, but both youngsters did well at Jacksonville and the Tiger receivers did a very good job catching the ball against very stiff competition. With the season only six weeks away talk is turning to football all across the state.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association announced last week it would change its softball playoff system and install a regional format that would lead to the state tournament. The new playoff system would consist of two teams from each of the 16 area tournaments advancing to one of four regional sites. Regional tournaments would follow the same format as the championship tournament with 48 teams - eight from each of the six classes - participating in double-elimination play at the regional sites. The proposed sites for the regional events are Liberty Park, in Vestavia Hills; the Gulf Shores Sportsplex; Montgomery's Lagoon Park; and Huntsville's Kiwanis Sportsplex. The change will closely resemble the one used in basketball and is expected to cut down on travel expenses.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association will present certificates and banners to a number of high schools this week that didn't have any ejections or fines due to unsportsmanlike conduct during the past school season. Kinston will be one of the few area schools to be honored, and while it deserves the recognition, it does seem a little odd that schools are being honored for doing what they are supposed to do.

*** In closing... Elba didn't win last week's Dixie Minor District Baseball Tournament, but former Elba resident Tommy Tatum was back in town and had plenty to cheer about as his son Tate helped lead Luverne to the district title. Tate excelled behind the plate in every game as a catcher and at the plate was almost unstoppable as he had 7 hits in 13 at-bats, scored 5 runs, knocked in 11 runs and blasted a grand-slam homer in the first game of the tourney. Elba fans don't usually like opposing fans to get loud, but they seemed to enjoy watching Tommy pace all over the park and cheer as Luverne won the title. It was great to see Tommy again and I told his son he is much better as a 10-year-old ball player than was his Dad. Good luck at state!

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At District Tournament

Dixie Minor All-Stars claim one win

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars hosted the District 9 Dixie Minor Baseball Tournament last week and claimed one win in three games to place fifth in the seven-team event, held at Elba's American Legion Park. Luverne won the tournament and earned the right to advance to the State Tournament, followed by Geneva, Greenville and Troy. Others in the tournament included Elba, Kinston and Brundidge. Following are highlights of Elba's three games:

Elba 21 Brundidge 2

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament with a big 21-2 win over Brundidge. Tanner Hudson had a big two-run single in the first inning to help the All-Stars grab an early 6-0 lead, while Elba broke loose in the second and plated ten runs to move on top 16-0. J. Cole Spicer had an rbi triple to spark the All-Star uprising, while Cavossea Stinson, Grant Akridge and Shawn Camley all ripped doubles as Elba took complete command. Cavossea Stinson added an rbi single in the third as Elba upped its lead to 20-0 and the All-Stars coasted in with the 21-2 win.

Cavossea Stinson had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Tanner Hudson added 2 hits and drove in 2 runs. J. Cole Spicer, Kenneth Neil Amison and Shawn Camley all had 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Grant Akridge had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Luverne 11 Elba 6

The Elba All-Stars scored five runs in the opening inning to grab an early lead, but added only one run after that as Luverne pulled away late to post an 11-6 win. Elba trailed 4-0 heading into the bottom of the first, but wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as J. Cole Spicer led off with a triple and later scored on a two-out single by Avery Hanchey. Walks to Grant Akridge, B.J. Free and Tanner Hudson forced on one run, while Kenneth Neil Amison laced a two-run single and Shawn Camley followed with an rbi single as the All-Stars moved ahead 5-4 after a wild opening inning. Luverne combined four hits with three walks to plate four runs in the third to regain the lead at 8-5, then added three more runs in the fourth as its lead went to 11-6.

THE ELBA CLIPPER "SPORTS"

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OUT AT THE PLATE.... Elba All-Star J. Cole Spicer is tagged out at the plate after trying to score on a passed ball. Spicer hit two triple and scored three runs as the All-Stars placed fifth in last week's District Tournament.

(Mike Cupps photo)



Greenville 5 Elba 3

The Elba All-Stars saw their tournament run come to an end with a 5-3 extra inning loss to Greenville. Talon Flowers drew a walk and scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Avery Hanchey to give Elba an early 1-0 lead, while Greenville scored in the second to pull even at 1-1. B.J. Free was hit by a pitch and later scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the second as Elba regained the lead at 2-1, and that was how the scoreboard remained until the top of the sixth, when Greenville scored with two outs to send the game into extra innings. Greenville combined two hits with two walks in the seventh to plate three runs and move on top 5-2, while Elba plated only one run in the bottom of the frame as Avery Hanchey tripped and scored on an error.

Avery Hanchey had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Shawn Camley added 1 hit and Talon Flowers and B.J. Free both scored 1 run.

DIXIE MINOR DISTRICT 9 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

RESULTS:

OPENING ROUND:
Luverne 8 Geneva 5
Elba 21 Brundidge 2
Troy Americans 23 Kinston 0

SECOND ROUND:
Troy Americans 13 Greenville 1
Geneva 14 Brundidge 1
Luverne 11 Elba 6

THIRD ROUND:
Greenville 5 Elba 3
Geneva 10 Kinston 0
Luverne 2 Troy Americans 0

FOURTH ROUND:
Greenville 11 Troy Americans 10
Geneva 9 Luverne 4

SEMIFINALS:
Luverne 10 Greenville 0

FINALS:
Luverne 1 Geneva 0

Luverne advances to State Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament, to be held July 19-24, in Clanton, Alabama.



PLAY AT THE PLATE.... Elba All-Star Tanner Hudson tries to make the tag on a runner at home during action last week at the District Dixie Minor Baseball Tournament.

(Mike Cupps photo)

SPORTS

Claim two wins

Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars place third at district baseball tourney

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars competed last week at the Dixie Youth District 9 Baseball Tournament, in Greenville, and claimed two wins in four games to place third in the eight-team event.

Greenville won the event and earned the right to advance to the State Tournament, followed by Kinston, Elba and Luverne. Also competing in the tournament were Zion Chapel, Brundidge, New Brockton and Brantley.

Following are highlights of Elba's four games:

Luverne 4 Elba 2

The Elba All-Stars stranded eight runners on base in a 4-2 opening round loss to Luverne. Elba failed to take advantage of four hits in the opening three innings and trailed 2-0 heading into the top of the fourth, but rallied in their fourth trip to the plate and scored two runs to pull even at 2-2. A solo home-run by Griffin Martin ignited the All-Stars rally, while Garrett Smith was hit by a pitch and later scored on an rbi single by JonAshley Amison to pull Elba even on the scoreboard. Luverne took advantage of four walks to regain the lead at 4-2 in the bottom of the inning, and this time Elba failed to mount a comeback as the All-Stars fell into the loser's bracket with the 4-2 loss.

Griffin Martin and JonAshley Amison both had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Garrett Smith added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Logan Bailey and Damon Nelson both added 1 hit.

Elba 6 Zion Chapel 4

The Elba All-Stars needed ten innings to claim a wild 6-4 win over Zion Chapel in a battle of Coffee County rivals. Zion Chapel grabbed an early 1-0 lead when Travis Black walked and later scored on an rbi single by Ethan Lott, but let the bases loaded in both the first and second innings and was still clinging to the slim 1-0 lead heading into the fourth. Elba managed only two hits over the first three innings, but the All-Stars' bats came to life in the fourth as Elba plated three runs to take a 3-1 advantage.

The Elba All-Stars pushed across the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the

sixth inning to eliminate Brundidge 3-2. Elba pulled ahead 1-0 in the bottom of the second when JonAshley Amison singled and later scored on a passed ball. However, the All-Stars left five runners on base over the next three innings and after four innings still owned the narrow 1-0 advantage. Brundidge combined three hits with an Elba error to grab a 2-1 lead in the top of the fifth, but the All-Stars rallied in their half of the inning and pulled even at 2-2 when Garrett Smith led off with a triple and scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Justin Pope. Damon Nelson delivered a one-out single in the bottom of the sixth to give the All-Stars hopes of pulling off a win, and did just that when Hayden Disotell tipped a double across the right field line to drive in Nelson with the winning run as Elba advanced with the 3-2 victory.

JonAshley Amison, Garrett Smith and Damon Nelson all had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Hayden Disotell and Logan Bailey both added 1 hit.

Elba 3 Brundidge 2

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tage. A two-out single by Griffin Martin ignited the Elba uprising, while JonAshley Amison walked and both runners raced home when Kysom Edwards ripped a two-run double. Edwards later scored on a wild pitch, and after four innings Elba owned a 3-1 lead. The All-Stars held the lead until the top of the sixth, when Zion Chapel staged a three-run rally to regain the lead at 4-0. A one-out walk to Travis Black started the rally, while Dillon Shackelford and Ethan Lott followed with singles, and Aaron McCollough ripped a two-run double as Zion Chapel craved the Elba lead and moved on top 4-3. The Elba All-Stars were down to their final out when Logan Bailey singled, moved to second on a passed ball and then stole third. Bailey completed the trip around the bases when he scored on a wild pitch, and the game went into extra innings with the score knotted at 4-4. Both teams had chances to claim the win in each extra inning as Zion Chapel stranded a runner on base in all four innings and Elba left the bases loaded in the seventh and stranded two runners on base in the ninth. The long game went to the bottom of the tenth and Elba immediately put a runner on base when Garrett Smith drew a walk. Justin Pope followed Smith to the plate and put an end to the marathon on the big 12-2 win.

Damon Nelson and Cobe Goosby both scored one run to lead Elba, which failed to get a hit. Greenville combined 15 hits with 10 walks to post the win.

Greenville 12 Elba 2

The Elba All-Stars saw their tournament run come to an end with a 12-2 loss to Greenville. Greenville combined five hits, with six walks to grab a 6-0 lead in the top of the first, then added three runs in the second and one in the third and fourth to move ahead 11-0. Damon Nelson and Cobe Goosby both scored for Elba in the bottom of the fourth as the All-Stars took advantage of five walks, but Greenville added a run in the fifth and held on to claim the big 12-2 win.

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Dates for state 2008 dove season approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Alabama Conservation

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announces that the final framework for the 2008 dove season has been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This year the north and south zones in Alabama will hunt under a 70-day season with a 15-day bag limit. This change was finalized in late June and represents an increase in the bag limit for the south zone and an increase of the number of hunting days for the north zone.

The south zone includes Baldwin, Barbour, Calhoun, Covington, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Mobile counties. The remaining counties are in the north zone. The season dates are:
SOUTH ZONE: 15-a day - 15 in Possession
12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
October 4 -
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
October 5 - November 2
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
November 27 - November 30

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
December 6 - January 10, 2009
NORTH ZONE: 15-a day - 15 in Possession
12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
September 6 -
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
September 7 - October 5
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
October 25 - November 15
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
December 13 - December 30

The mourning dove is the most abundant game bird in Alabama. Over 62,000 licensed hunters enjoy dove hunting. For further information, go to www.dooralabama.com. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through five divisions: Marine Police; Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater.

Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Lowly crawfish should be on your bait list

Many of us were introduced to the crawfish as a youngster, probably while looking for bait for a night fishing trip after catfish. The crawfish is a choice bait of night fishermen for baiting set poles, bush hooks and trotlines. Live crawfish are not only good catfish bait, they are one of the favorite foods of bass across the country. The tail of a small crawfish is also excellent panfish bait.

If you don't want to fish with live crawfish, most lure companies have at least one artificial version of this popular crustacean. Soft plastic crawfish come in just about every imaginable color. Find one with legs extending from the side and with realistic looking characteristics such as tail, head, and claws. Artificial crawfish should be rigged similar to rigging a plastic worm. Sometimes the Texas rig is better, at other times the Carolina rig is more productive.

After a live crawfish flicks its tail it glides through the water in a folded up position. When imbedding the hook in a plastic crawfish, the hook should be imbedded about halfway up the tail. This will give the bait more lifelike action as the tail of the plastic one will fold under with short tugs of the rod. Fast retrieves are out when using plastic crawfish. Since crawfish spend most of their time on the bottom, that's where imitation crawfish should be fished. Crawfish can walk, run, and swim but when they sense they are about to become dinner for a largemouth they propel themselves with strong, snappy movements of their tail. Remember, slow tugs and short pauses are the best retrieves when using plastic crawfish.

There is also a large selection of "hard" imitation crawfish on the market. To select a good one, pick up the bait to determine its weight. If it seems too light, it probably is a floater or sinks too slow. If it feels unusually heavy for its size, it is probably a good choice. You want your crawfish imitation to get to the bottom fairly rapidly. The lip length of a diving crawfish crank bait will determine how fast it will get to the bottom. When fishing over a soft bottom, let the lip of a crank bait type crawfish kick the mud over a few feet.

Live crawfish can be obtained by seining shallow pools, raking the bottom with a crawfish rake, or baiting a minnow trap that has a large opening with the head of a small fish. Catches will vary greatly in size and color.

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